

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/02/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-9 and 11-16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 February 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

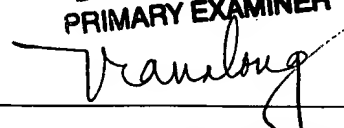
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin McGoff on Aug. 18, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

a) Please cancel claim 10.

b) Claims 9, 11 and 15 has been amended as follows:

9. (Currently Amended) An image printer system comprising:
a receiving unit that receives image data from a first image recording medium in an original form in which the image data is recorded in the first image recording medium;

a correcting unit that corrects the received image data;

a printing unit that prints an image based on the corrected image data; and

a saving unit that saves the received image data in the original form in a second recording medium; and

a control unit that begins a printing operation by the printing unit and a data save operation by the saving unit consecutively in case that the both operations are instructed before they are begun.

11. (Currently Amended) An image printer system as claimed in claim 9 ~~[[10]]~~, wherein the control unit begins the printing operation before beginning the data save operation.

15. (Currently Amended) An image printer system comprising the steps of:
receiving image data from a first image recording medium in an original form in which the image data is recorded in the first image recording medium;
instructing a printing operation and a data save operation;
printing out an image based on the received image data; ~~and~~
saving the received image data in the original form in a second recording medium; and

beginning the printing operation and the data save operation consecutively in case that both operations are instructed before they are begun.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3-9, 11-16 are allowed.

Claims 1, 5, 9, 15 and 16 independent claims.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

3. As to claims 1, 5, 9, 15 and 16, the present invention from the application discloses an image printer system in which "a control unit for controlling a printing operation for printing out a received image data in an original form from the first recording medium and a data save operation for saving the received image data in an original form onto a second medium consecutively in case that the both operation are instructed before they are begun". The above limitations from the amended claims would overcome the teaching of the previous references such as Mikuni (US Patent No. 6,133,947) and Suzuki et al. (US Patent No. 6,704,119).

Therefore, these above claims render to be allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas Q. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-7442 or E-mail address is douglas.tran@uspto.gov.

Aug. 16, 2005

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